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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH
ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. 14

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION

U. S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING

The following quoted directive has been received from Mr. F. J. Hughes, Chief, Administrative Services Division:

"Reference is made to General Administrative Instruction 3150 dated June 19, 1944 on the U. S. Government Bill of Lading.

"Paragraph eleven of this instruction advised that after the serial numbers of Standard Form 1058 had been furnished to the Reproduction and Distribution Section instructions as to what disposition is to be made would be furnished. All copies of Standard Form 1058 are to be completely mutilated and disposed of as salvage material."

W. C. Hasbrouck
Administrative Officer

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FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

WFO 69-2, Amendment 2.

Concord grapes were released for use in the manufacture of alcoholic products by a general authorization issued as Amendment 2 to War Food Order 69-2 effective September 20, 1944. Under WFO 69-2 each winery was permitted to use a quantity of Concord grapes not in excess of 80 percent of the quantity used by that winery for wine purposes during the 1942 season. The general authorization removes all restrictions on the use of Concord grapes in the manufacture of alcoholic products.

PEARS. Bids have been received under the pear equalization program covering approximately 9,000 tons of surplus pears, to be moved from the Northwest to California for canning.

APPLES. During the recent hurricane, between three and four million bushels of apples were blown from the trees in the Coastal area from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to Maine. While most of these apples are expected to move in commercial channels, a limited quantity of these apples which meet modified requirements of the U. S. Utility Grade is being purchased under L-84a.

D. F. McMillen Acting Chief.

REGULATORY DIVISION

Note: William E. Paulson landed in the U.S.A. the night of September 26 and is presently at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island. He had spent forty days in a hospital before sailing for home, and indications are he will be confined to a hospital for some time yet. He has expressed preference for hospitalization at Topeka, Kansas. Bill says the U.S.A. never looked better to him.

T. C. Curry, Chief.

VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISION

CABBAGE AND KRAUT SITUATION

Recent reports indicate a substantial improvement from the September 1 conditions in the Wisconsin cabbage crop with little or no improvement and, in some cases, deterioration in the crops of New York, Ohio and Indiana. This is particularly true of Domestic type cabbage. There has been a sharp decline in grower prices in Wisconsin with a smalller decline in New York. To enable kraut packers to obtain sufficient supplies of cabbage to meet military requirements, presently estimated at slightly less than 2½ million cases No. 2's, and produce a portion of the normal civilian kraut needs, the OPA and WFA jointly announced that ceiling prices for kraut will be based on average prices that packers actually pay for cabbage up to a maximum of $22 per ton delivered at customary receiving point. Ordinarily, ceiling prices for kraut would have been based on the $12.00 per ton grower support price for cabbabe for kraut. The decision to reflect in kraut ceilings a maximum of $22 per ton for cabbage does not mean an increase in the support price of cabbage for kraut above $12 per ton; nor does this indicate what the support price, if any, for cabbage will be next year.

Announcement was also made of WFA's processors support program for the 1944 pack of sauerkraut. This program supports prices of kraut by making specified payments to packers to reimburse them on any civilian sales below the appropriate support levels based on $12 per ton for cabbage.

ONION SITUATION

The western surplus onion situation is very critical. Production in the western states is more than 2¼ times the 10 year average and 50 percent larger than last year. Carlot movement so farhas been substantially below that of 1943. As harvestings reach peak, movement to terminal markets is expected to become very heavy in view of the size of the crop and lack of storage facilities in these states. Terminal prices have shown a gradual decline and further declines are in prospect.

The problem is one of moving onions into storage and distribution channels before freezes cause damage to the crop. Every effort is being made to expand dehydration as well as distribution outlets for relief purchases of fresh onions. These outlets, however, will fall far short of meeting the surplus situation. To obtain maximum effectiveness of the Victory Food Selection Program on onions urging consumers to buy and store more onions, the following wire was sent on September 27 by W. C. Ockey, Acting Chief, Civilian Food Requirements Branch, and E. J. Rowell, Marketing Reports Division, to all regional offices of the Fresh Marketing Division, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Marketing Reports Division, Civilian Food Requirements Branch, and, for information only, to Fruit and Vegetable Market News offices: "In view of critical onion situation imperative that representatives FV Fresh Marketing Division, CFRB and MRD pool resources to redouble efforts to increase movement of onions all levels with special emphasis on retailers. Suggest all available personnel concentrate on reaching retailers by telephone, telegram, personal contact or meetings. Where practical CFRB to call emergency meetings of task groups of Advisory Committees with key vegetable

wholesalers and retailers and state and local marketing officials invited. Stress merchandise displays and consumer purchases in bag lots for home storage. Advise trade of complete VFS campaign. Market News men emphasize in wartime food bulletins and on consumer radio. When space permits on daily reports call attention to Victory Food Selection."

REDUCED YIELDS AFFECTING PRICE CEILINGS ON SPINACH.

Consideration is being given to grower's requests to increase price ceilings on spinach under the so-called "Disaster Clause" to take care of reduced yields. Recent crop reports indicate reduced yields, in some cases very substantial, for spinach crops of Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Missouri.

WHITE POTATO INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of this committee was held September 28, 29, and 30 to discuss important matters in connection with the 1944 marketing problems, the outlook for 1945, and other topics in connection with potato programs.

L. S. Fenn, Acting Chief.

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

Location	In Charge	Commodity	Opening and Probable Closing Dates
Benton Harbor, Mich. 206 P. O. Building	C. B. Miller	Misc. F and V	Aug. 1 - Oct. 31
Fresno, Calif. 317 Holland Bldg.	J. A. Hunter	Grapes & Cants.	July 20 - Nov. 12
Idaho Falls, Idaho P. O. Box 166	R. G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 29 - Apr. 30
Lakeland, Florida Box 191	H. F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 2 - June 20
Martinsburg, W. Va. 311 W. King St.	R. M. Peterson	Apples	Sept. 12 - Dec. 9
Presque Isle, Me. Federal Bldg.	S. W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 12 - Apr. 30
Rochester, N. Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	A. L. Thomas	Misc. F & V.	Aug. 28 - May 31
Waupaca, Wis. Court House	B. I. Burrell	Potatoes	Sept. 5 - Mar. 31

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief.

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM ON CHANGES IN THE GENERAL SHIPPING POINT HANDBOOK

A memorandum calling attention to the principal changes in the revised Shipping Point Handbook has been sent to all of those who received handbooks. If the number of copies mailed each Shipping Point Supervisor is not sufficient, additional copies may be obtained on request directed to the Washington office.

LEASED WIRE REPLIES TO REQUESTS FOR REPORTS OF INSPECTIONS

Frequently we receive wire requests for decisions on reversals or for reports of inspections too late in the evening to reply by leased wire. In the future such replies will be sent by leased wire the following morning unless we are specifically requested to send them by commercial wire. If a reply by commercial wire is desired be sure to so specify. This, of course, applies only to offices where there is leased wire service. All other wires will be sent commercial.

TEMPORARY OR SEASON HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Long Island, N. Y. potato reports wire Rochester office.

For Massachusetts	potato	reports wire Harry K. Jowers, 47 Gothic Street, Northampton, Mass.
For Massachusetts	apple	reports wire Walter Piper, State House, Boston, Mass. or to our Boston office.
For New Jersey	potato	reports wire N. W. Broome, Federal-State Inspection Service, Hightstown, N. J.
For Virginia	sweet potato	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va.
For Virginia	apple and peach	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.
For West Virginia	apple and peach	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Berkeley Hotel Bldg., Martinsburg, West Virginia.

E. E. Conklin, Chief.